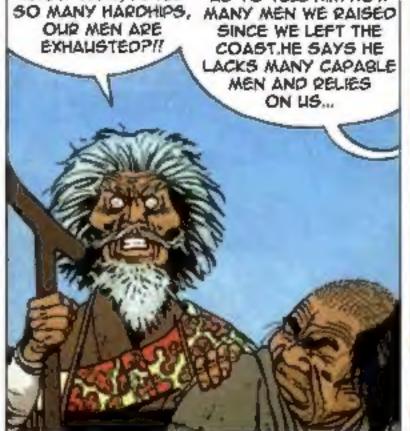


HE/HE! AFTER
WE MET ON THE
SHIKOTSU LAKE, I
DECIDED TO JOIN
SIRE BANDO'S
ARMY! I WAS THE
ONLY ONE THERE
TO KNOW YOU,
AND SINCE I WAS
NOT THAT
HELDEUI









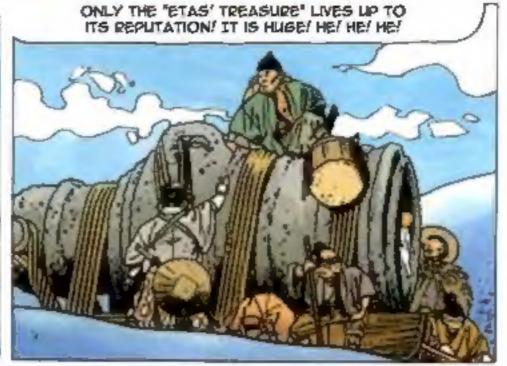
WHAT A NICE ARMY WE HAVE HERE, HE/HE! ... A FEW SAMURAIS FROM THE NOBILITY, BUT WHOSE ONLY BELONGINGS ARE THEIR SKINS ...





...AND A BLINCH OF HEIMING AND STUPID ETAS THINKING THEY'RE GOING TO





THE LORDS OF THE MOUN-TAINS, WHO ARE NOW SIRE SANDO'S STAFF, CAN'T WAIT TO ADMIRE IT, AND...

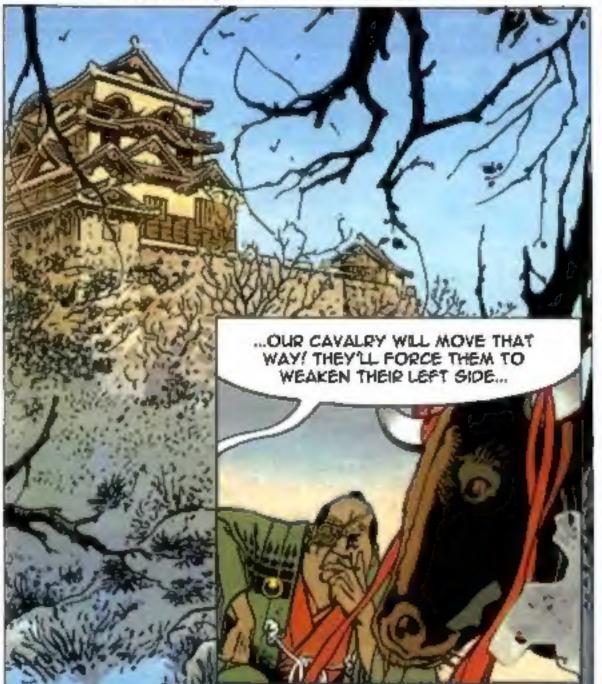






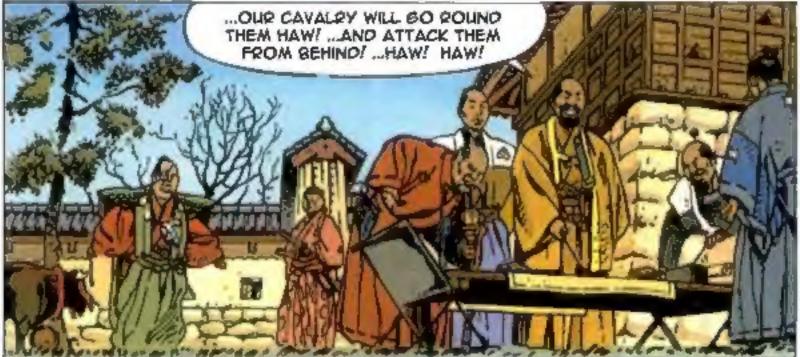


WHILE KOGARATSU AND AKUSHI ARE PIDING IN THE HOKKAIDO MOUNTAINS, AN IMPORTANT GATHERING IS TAKING PLACE IN HISHIKARI, KISHIJI MITSURU'S HEADQUARTERS













YOU SOUND LIKE YOU DON'T

KNOW THAT THEY HAVE THAT

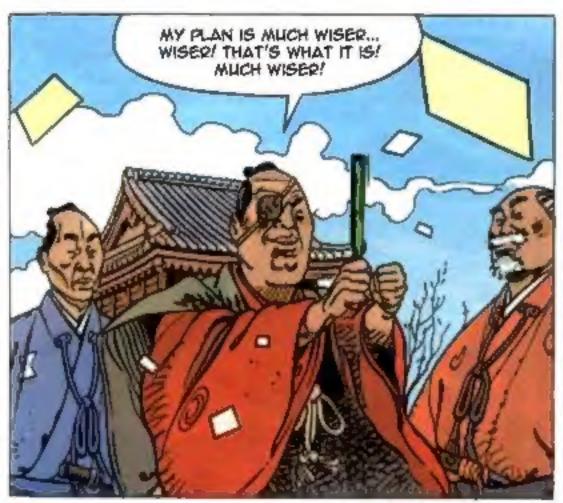
HUGE GUN WHICH BROKE THE KIRISHITO'S SHIP WITH A SINGLE BULLET"! AND YOU WANT TO HAVE OUR CAVALRY CHARGE AGAINST GUCH A

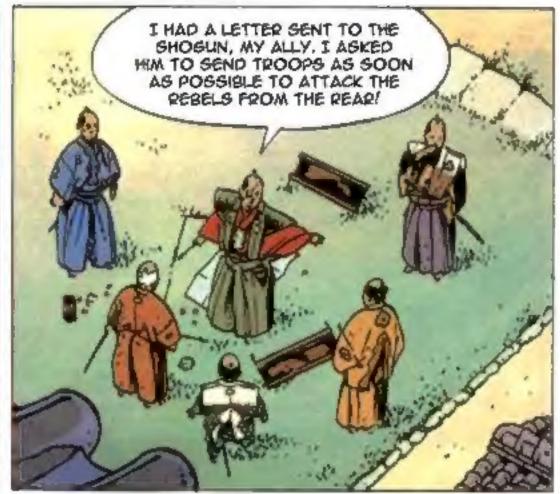
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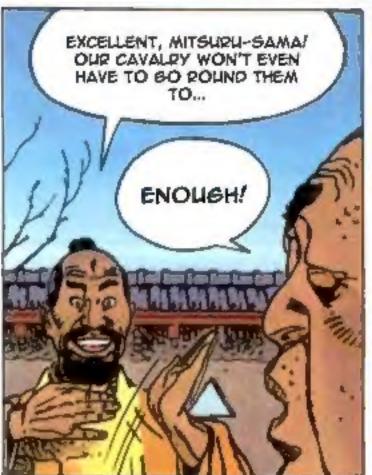
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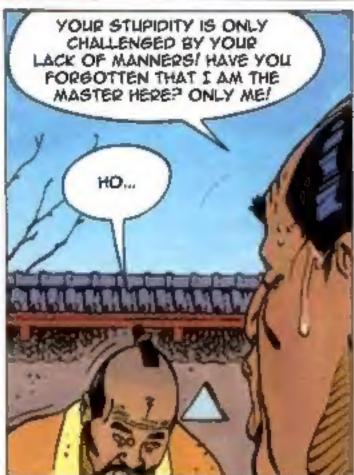
ENOUGH!

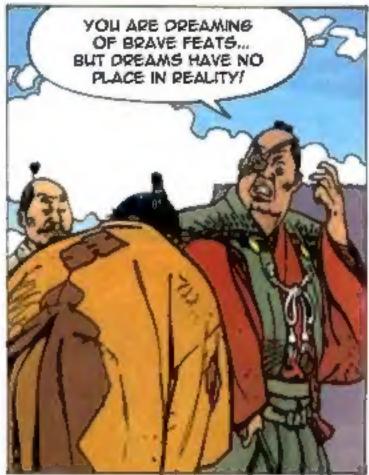
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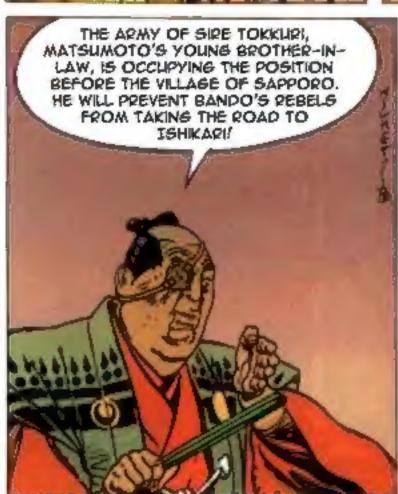




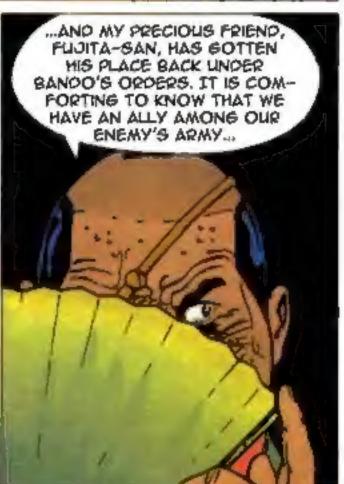




















THEN., WHO?!
HOW CAN WE KNOW
WHO IS BEHIND
ALL THIS?

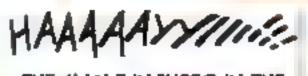












THE MAN I INJURED IN THE MOUNTAIN, IT'S HIM!



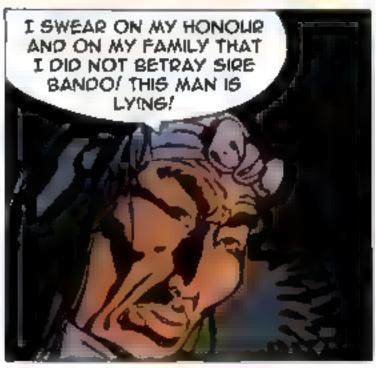






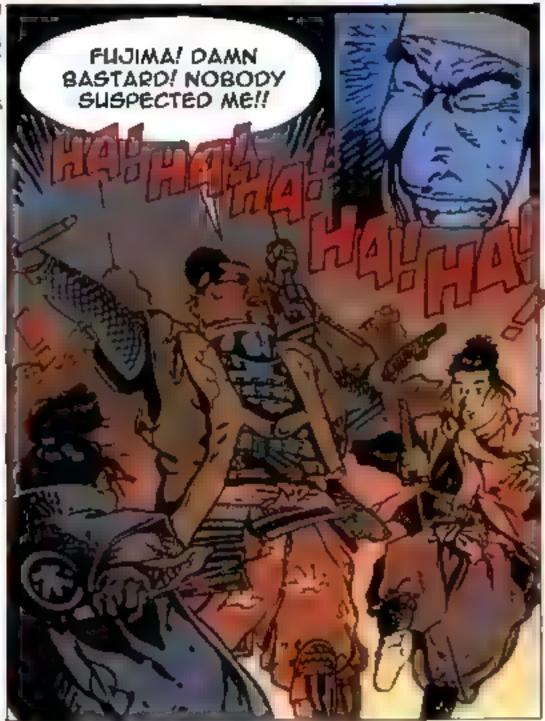








































A5 FOR SENSO-SAN, HE MUST EXPLAIN HIMSELF OR ... DIE! WE CAN'T AFFORD TO KEEP ONE OF MITSURU'S MEN AMONG US!































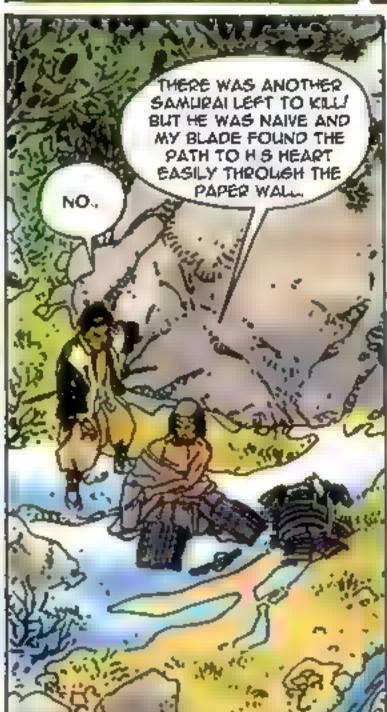






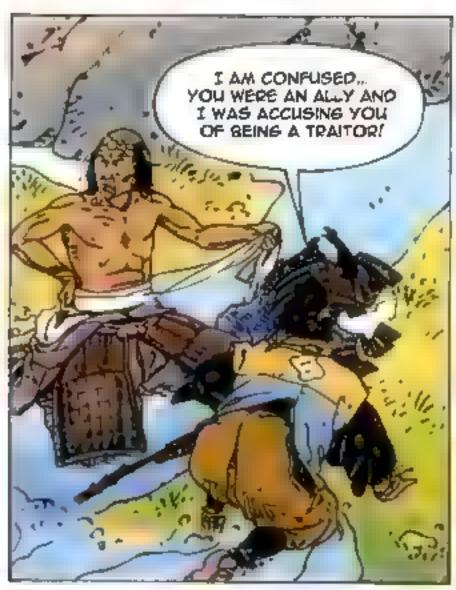


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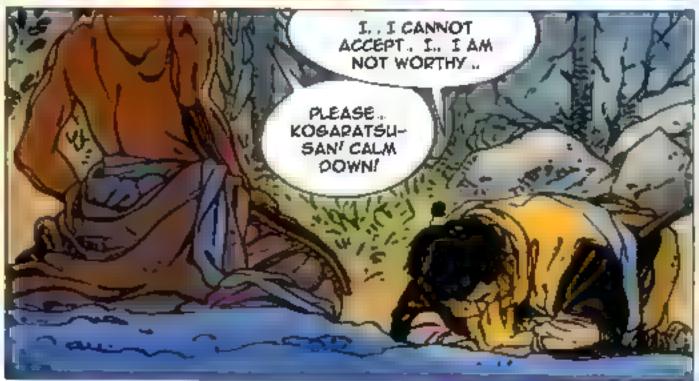




















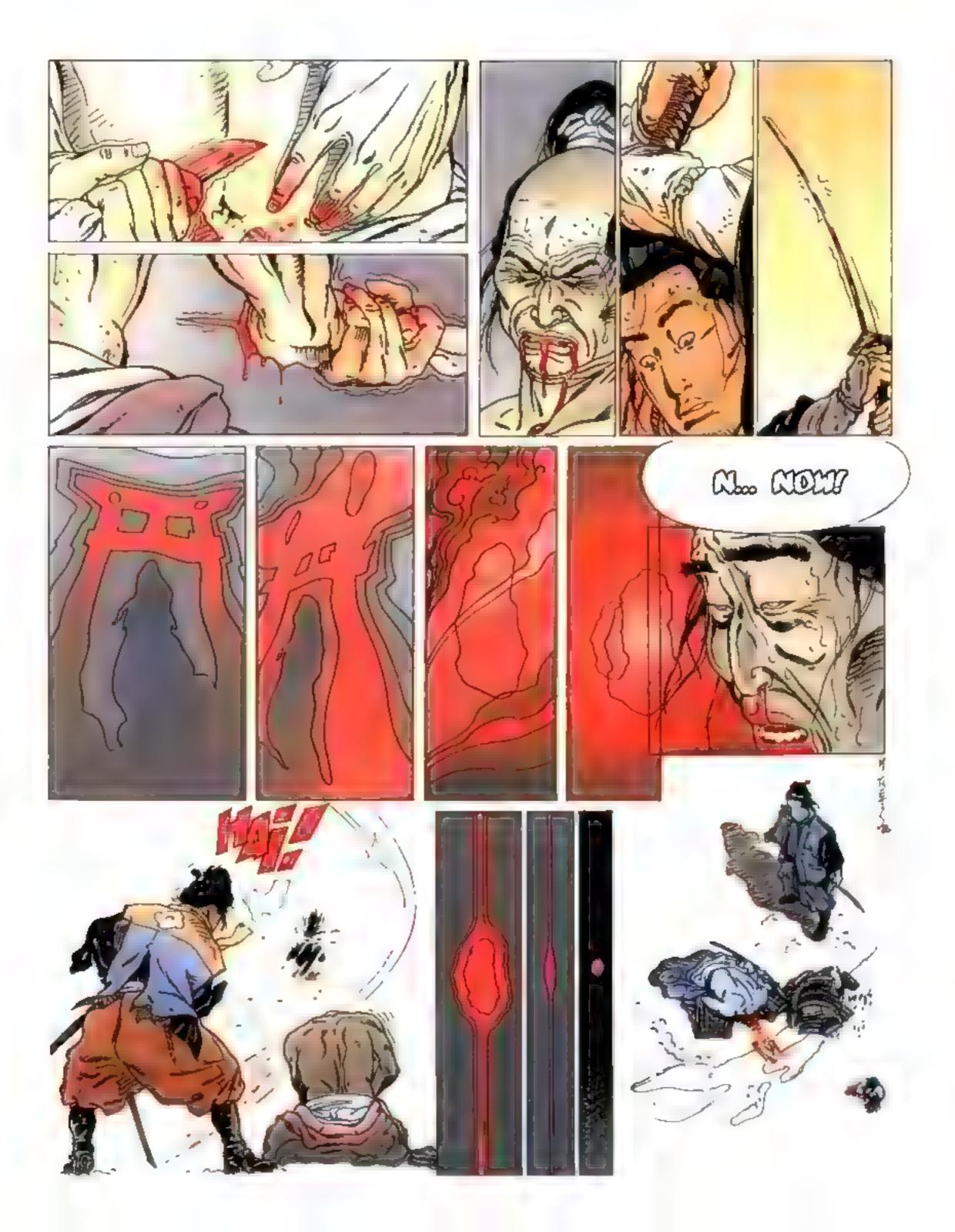


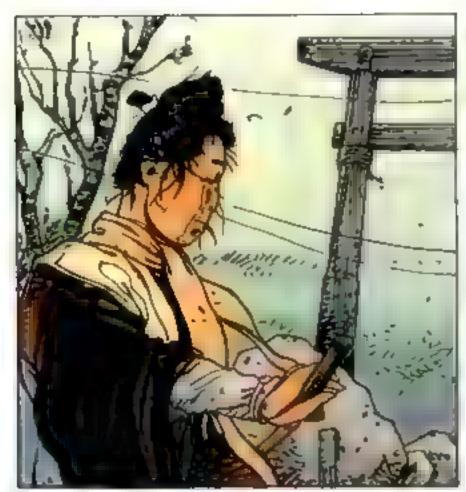








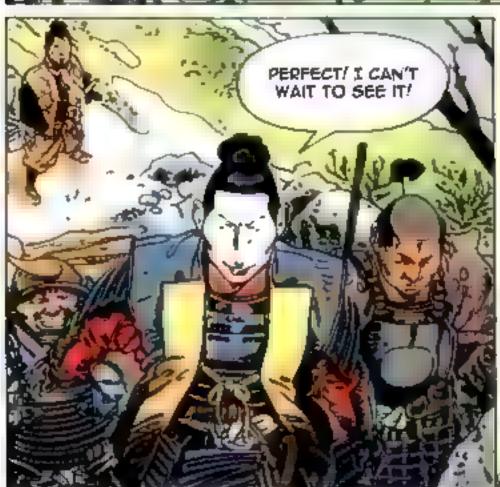








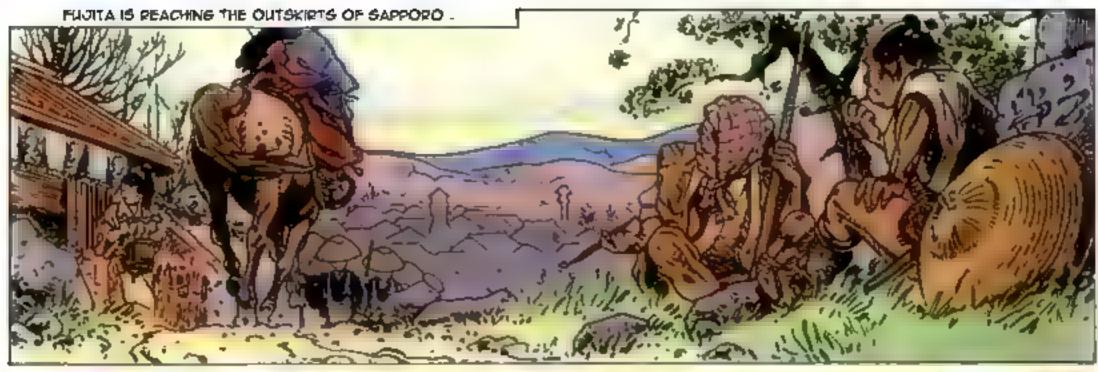


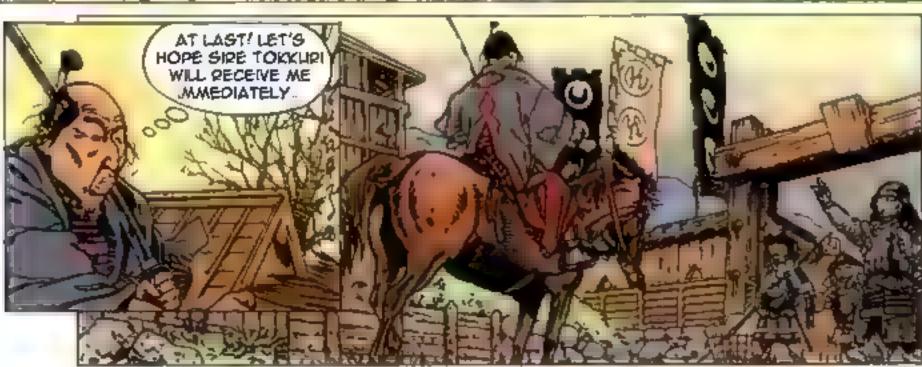














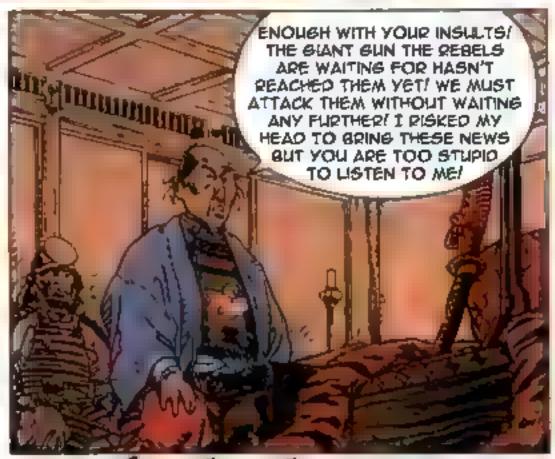


I HEAR YOU,
TOKKURI-SAN!
BUT DOESN'T A
NOBLE MAN NEED
SOMEONE WILLING
TO TARNISH HIS
HONOUR TO BRING
HIM PRECIOUS
INFORMATION?

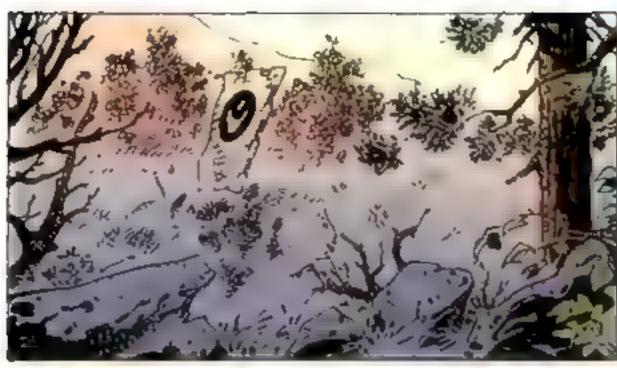


KNOW THAT, FOR ME, A TRAITOR IS A TRAITOR, BE IT FRIEND OR FOE! I HOPE YOUR DAYMO KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING WITH YOU!























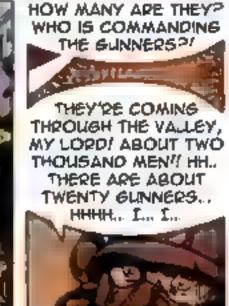


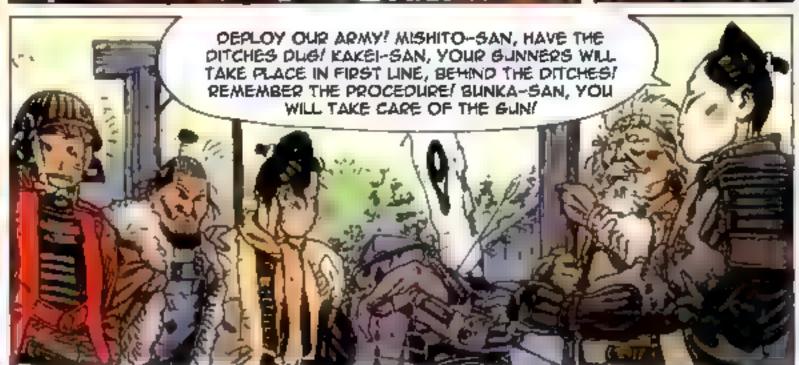


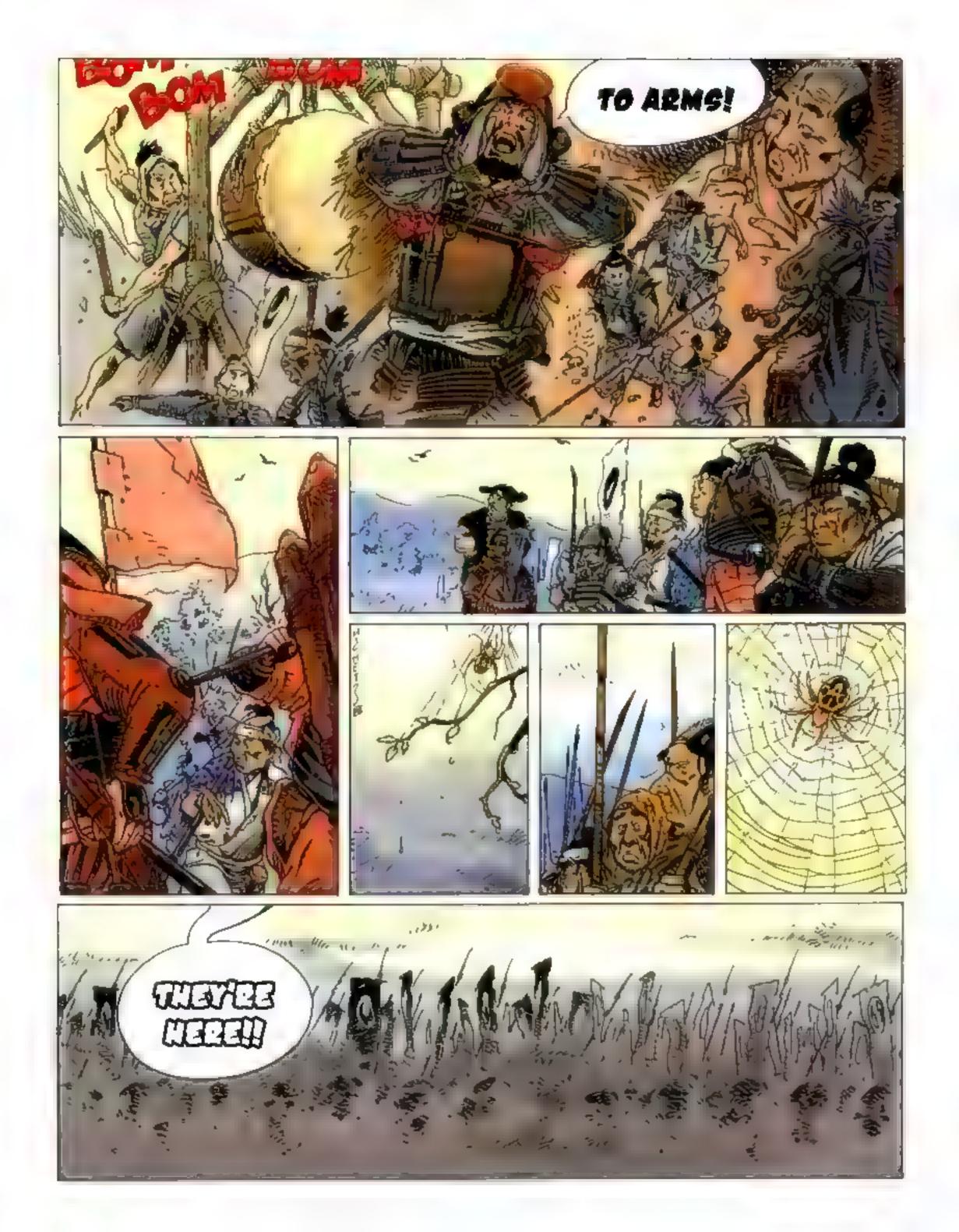








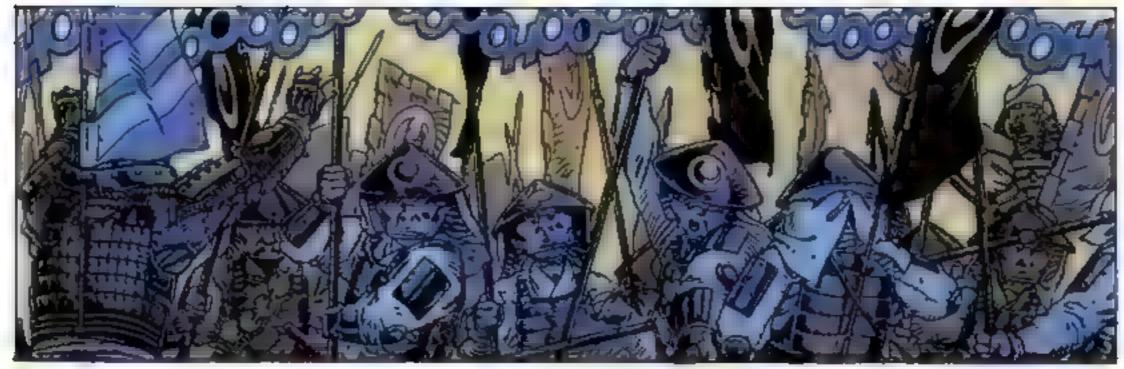


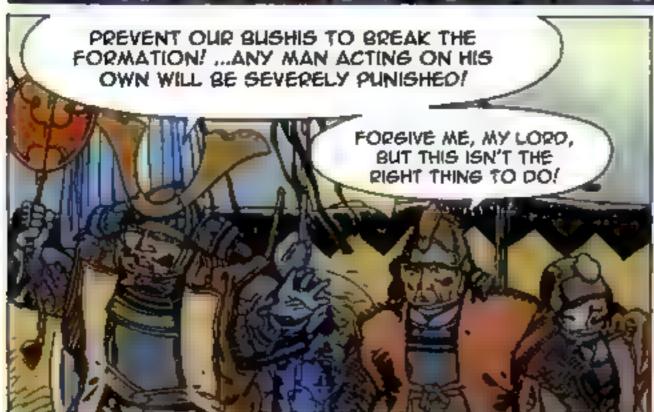








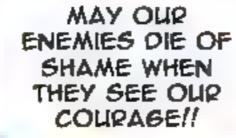






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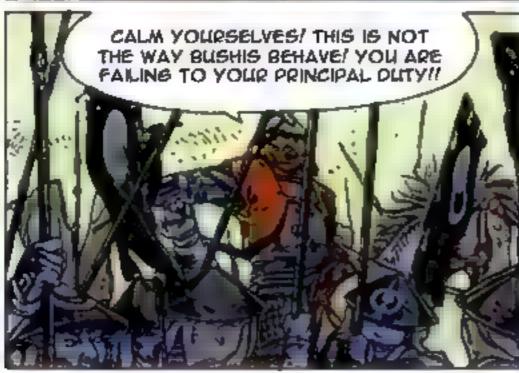








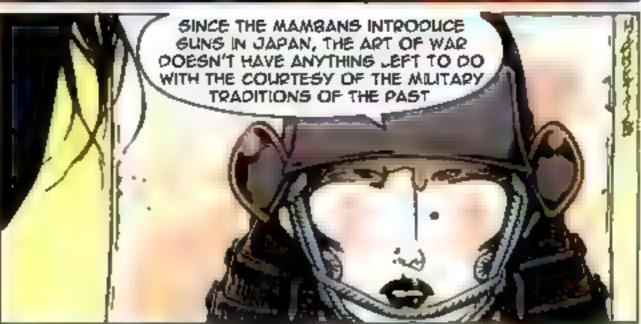
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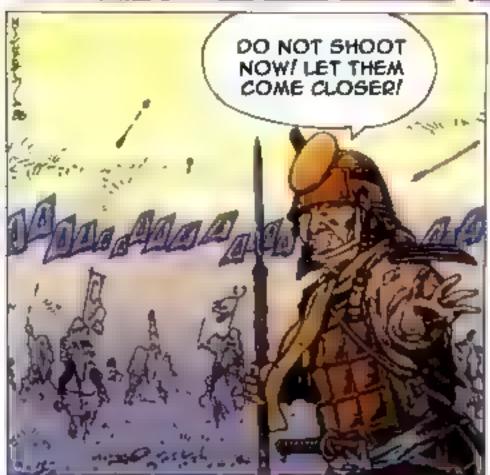
















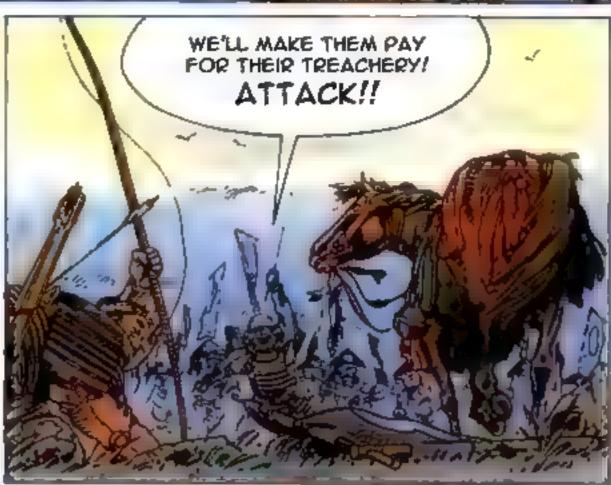














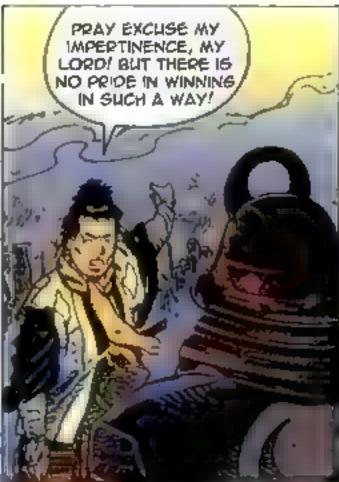


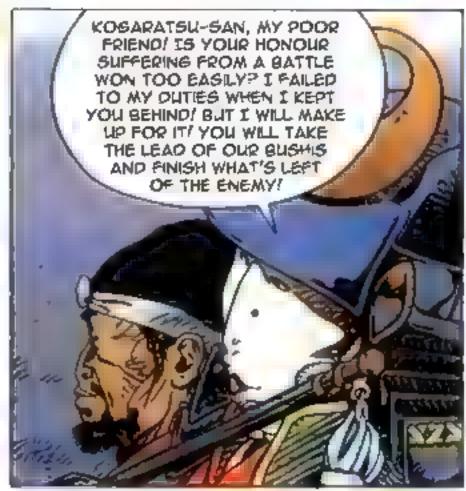


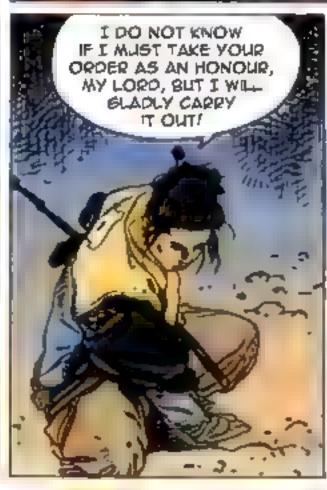


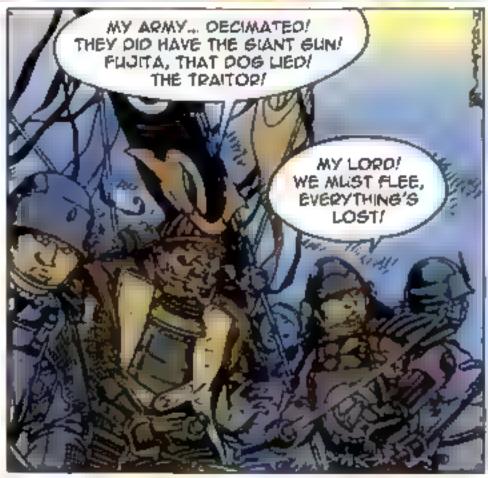
THIS IS HOW
BATTLES ARE
LOST, WHEN
PEOPLE FORGET
TO THINK!
HA! HA! HA!

















AS FOR US, SAMURAIS! OUR WAY IS THAT OF THE SWORD! LET US FINISH IT WITH OUR SWORDS!





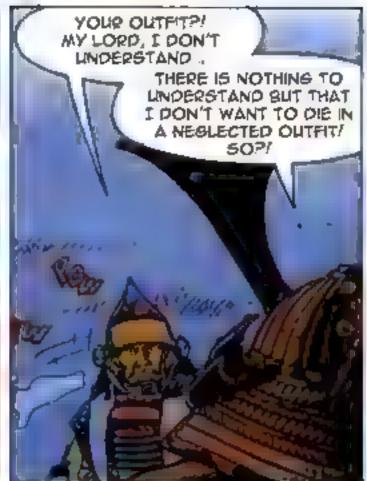


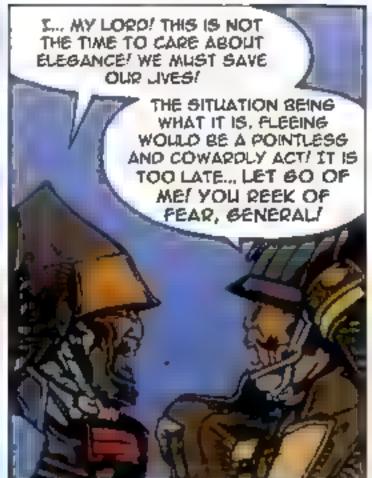












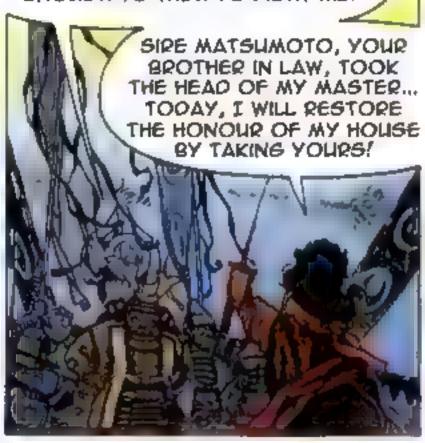




I AM NAKAMURA
KOGARATSU, I AM THE
LEADER OF THIS ATTACK
UNDER THE ORDERS OF
LORD KISHIJI BANDO! I
CHALLENGE YOU!



HA! HA! HA! ...ARE YOU STUP!O ENOUGH TO WISH TO FIGHT ME?



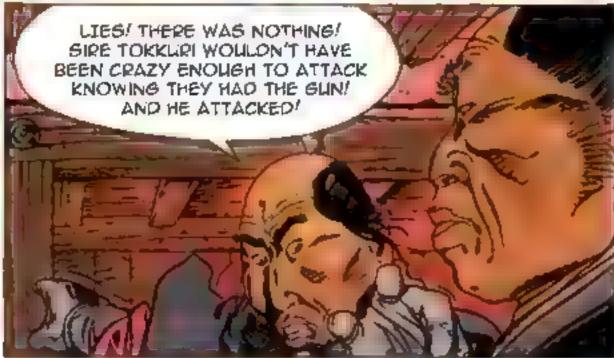
MY HEAD? HERE IT IS! COME AND GET IT!







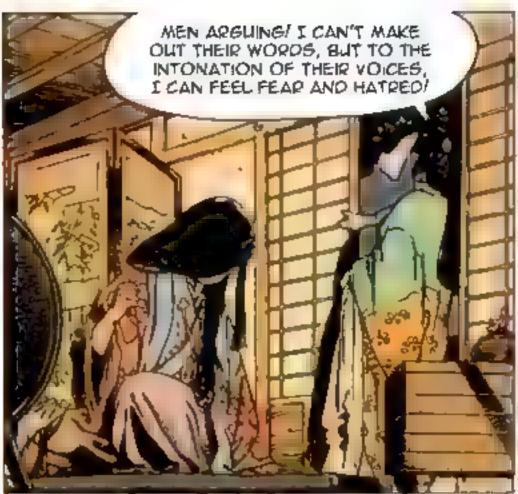






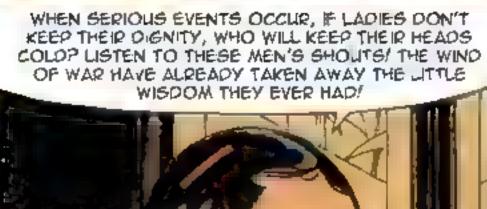










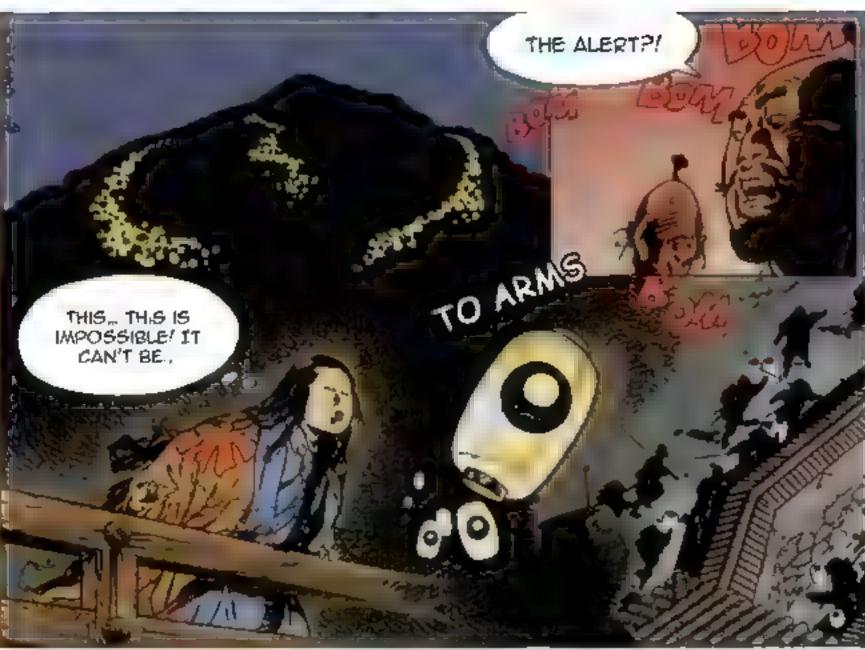


























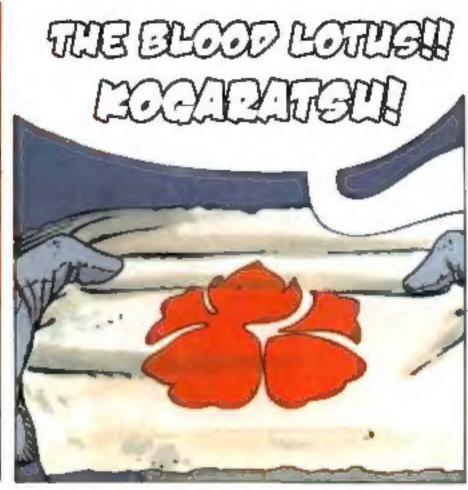
















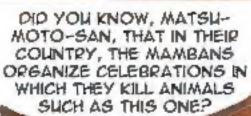














...BUT HERE, NOBODY WILL HARM HIM! NOBODY! ...I WILL PROTECT HIM!







